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November 7, 2006

Ronald A. Schwartz, P.E.
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Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection
Southwest Regional Office
400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745

Re: Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC
Abandonment of Rail Line
STB Docket No. AB-976X

Dear Mr. Swartz:

Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC ("PSR"), a subsidiary of Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. has received authority from the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to abandon the line of railroad between Brookville and Mahoning in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The STB's decision served September 15, 2005, requires PSR to consult with your office about environmental concerns that you might have about the abandonment, prior to PSR consummating the abandonment.

PSR's plans are to salvage the rails and ties from the line. There are no plans to do any excavation or to take any actions that would affect or disturb the ground below the surface, or that would affect water flow across the right-of-way.

From my recent discussions with Chris Kriley of your office, I understand that your office's concerns are those set forth in the letter dated April 25, 2005 that was sent to our attorneys. I have attached a copy of the letter for your convenience.

Our response to the items raised in the April 25 letter is as follows:

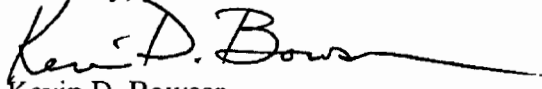
1. PSR will not be doing any excavation, seeking protection under Act 2 or approved-use fill authorization by DEP.
2. See response to item 1.
3. There are no storage tanks on the rail line to be removed.
4. PSR acknowledges that it will be responsible for continued maintenance of the water obstructions located along the rail line. PSR does not plan to remove or alter any existing obstructions.

5. As noted in the response to item 4, PSR does not plan any changes to water obstructions, and therefore no downstream public water supplies should be affected. However, if it is determined that any such changes are expected, PSR or its contractor will contact downstream public water supplies as required.
6. As noted in response to item 5, PSR does not expect any impact to any public drinking source. However, if it is determined that any such impact is expected, PSR or its contractor will contact both the public water supply and the appropriate DEP office as required.

Please let me know if you want to discuss any of these items further.

Since it is clear that PSR's proposed abandonment and partial salvage of the line will not create any problems with the identified issues, we do not believe that any additional consultation is required at this time. Accordingly, PSR intends to proceed with the filing of its notice of consummation on or before the STB's current deadline of November 14, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Bowser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin D. Bowser
AVP - Marketing

cc: STB Section of Environmental Analysis
Eric Hocky, Esquire, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C.